

What is claimed is:

1. A footwear structure comprising:

an outsole comprising at least one stretch zone allowing expansion of said outsole in at least one direction;

an upper secured to a surface of said outsole and at least partially defining a cavity; and

a midsole at least partially disposed within said cavity, said midsole comprising a first region extending across the entire width of said midsole and having first level of rigidity and a second region extending across the entire width of said midsole and having a second level of rigidity, said first level of rigidity being different from said second level of rigidity.

2. A footwear structure according to claim 1, wherein said stretch zone in said outsole comprises a molded stretch portion extending between first and second margins, said first margin being secured to a first anchor zone in said outsole and said second margin being secured to a second anchor zone in said outsole.

3. A footwear structure according to claim 1, wherein at least a portion of said stretch zone in said outsole is disposed in a forefoot region of said outsole allowing expansion of said forefoot region of said outsole.

4. A footwear structure according to claim 1, wherein said stretch zone in said outsole extends circumferentially around said outsole.

5. A footwear structure according to claim 1, wherein said first region comprises a heel region of said midsole and said second region comprises a forefoot region of said midsole.

6. A footwear structure according to claim 1, wherein said midsole comprises a plurality of layers.

7. A footwear structure according to claim 1, wherein said midsole is readily removable from said cavity.
8. A footwear structure according to claim 1, said structure further comprising at least first and second anchor zones, said stretch zone being disposed between said first and second anchor zones.
9. A footwear structure according to claim 1, wherein said stretch zone allows said expansion and contraction of said outsole corresponding to expansion and contraction of a user's foot during wear.
10. A footwear structure according to claim 1, wherein said upper comprises at least one upper stretch zone for allowing expansion of said upper.
11. A footwear structure according to claim 10, said upper further comprising and at least first and second upper anchor zones, said upper stretch zone being disposed between said first and second upper anchor zones.
12. A footwear structure according to claim 10, wherein said upper stretch zone allows said expansion of said upper said upper during wear by a user.
13. A footwear structure according to claim 1, wherein said upper is secured to a top surface of said outsole.
14. A footwear structure comprising:
 - an outsole comprising at least one stretch zone for allowing expansion and contraction of said outsole corresponding to expansion and contraction of a user's foot during wear;
 - an upper secured to a surface of said outsole and at least partially defining a cavity; and
 - a midsole at least partially disposed within said cavity.

15. A footwear structure according to claim 14, wherein said outsole further comprises at least one lengthwise stretch zone configured for allowing lengthwise expansion of said outsole.

16. A footwear structure according to claim 14, wherein said stretch zone comprises a molded stretch portion extending between first and second margins, said first margin being secured to a first anchor zone and said second margin being secured to a second anchor zone.

17. A footwear structure according to claim 14, wherein at least a portion of said stretch zone is disposed in a forefoot region of said outsole for allowing expansion of said forefoot region of said outsole.

18. A footwear structure according to claim 14, wherein said stretch zone extends circumferentially around said outsole.

19. A footwear structure according to claim 14, wherein said midsole comprises a first region having first level of rigidity and a second region having a second level of rigidity, said first level of rigidity being different from said second level of rigidity.

20. A footwear structure according to claim 19, wherein said first region comprises a heel region of said midsole and said second region comprises a forefoot region of said midsole.

21. A footwear structure according to claim 19, wherein said midsole comprises a plurality of layers.

22. A footwear structure according to claim 19, wherein said midsole is readily removable from said cavity.

23. A footwear structure according to claim 19, wherein said midsole comprises a heel counter portion extending upwardly relative to a footbed surface of said midsole at a heel end of said midsole.

24. A footwear structure according to claim 19, wherein said a first and second regions extend across the entire width of said midsole.
25. A footwear structure according to claim 14, wherein said upper comprises at least one upper stretch zone and at least first and second upper anchor zones, said upper stretch zone being disposed between said first and second upper anchor zones for allowing expansion of said upper during wear by a user.
26. A footwear structure according to claim 14, wherein said upper comprises a waterproof material.
27. A footwear structure according to claim 14, said structure further comprising at least first and second anchor zones, said stretch zone being disposed between said first and second anchor zones.
28. A footwear structure according to claim 14, wherein said upper is secured to a top surface of said outsole.
29. A footwear structure comprising:
an outsole;
an upper secured to a surface of said outsole and at least partially defining a cavity; and
a midsole at least partially disposed within said cavity, said midsole comprising a first region extending across the entire width of said midsole and having first level of rigidity and a second region extending across the entire width of said midsole and having a second level of rigidity, said first level of rigidity being different from said second level of rigidity.
30. A footwear structure according to claim 1, wherein said first region comprises a heel region of said midsole and said second region comprises a forefoot region of said midsole.

31. A footwear structure according to claim 30, wherein said midsole comprises a plurality of layers.
32. A footwear structure according to claim 30, wherein said midsole is readily removable from said cavity.
33. A footwear structure according to claim 30, wherein said upper comprises at least one upper stretch zone for allowing expansion of said upper.
34. A footwear structure according to claim 33, said upper further comprising and at least first and second upper anchor zones, said upper stretch zone being disposed between said first and second upper anchor zones.
35. A footwear structure according to claim 33, wherein said upper stretch zone allows said expansion of said upper said upper during wear by a user.
36. A footwear structure according to claim 30, wherein said upper is secured to a top surface of said outsole.